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Petition Formulated Against C.I.A. Campus Recruitment

A recruiting agent will be on campus Tues., Dec. 12, from the Central Intelligence Agency to talk to seniors interested in jobs with the agency after graduation.

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Career Counseling and Placement Office in Crozier-Williams.

The recruiting agent, Mr. Weeks, will hold 20-minute appointments with students in the placement office between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Tuesday night, a meeting of

those "concerned" about the C.I.A. recruitment was held in Crozier-Williams Student Lounge. Approximately 25 students and faculty members attended.

As a result of that meeting a petition is being circulated among the students and faculty protesting the upcoming recruitment to be presented to President Shain later this week.

The petition reads as follows:

"The Connecticut College Career Counseling and Placement Office has granted permission to representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency to recruit on

this campus, December 12.

"The CIA has a right to ask to use our facilities. And the College—represented by the President—has a right to answer either yes or no.

"To grant the CIA permission to recruit on campus, however, is the wrong decision. For in allowing them to use our facilities we cooperate with their activities.

"The CIA has raised, supplied, and trained armies, effected military coups, stuffed ballot boxes, bribed officials and infiltrated government offices, all for the purpose of maintaining pro-American governments — often military dictatorships which rule in a bloody reign of terror—often for the sole purpose of protecting U.S. economic interests. It is documented public knowledge that such activities have taken place in Laos, Burma, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Guatemala, Iran, the Congo, Cuba . . .

"It is hardly in keeping with the free and liberal academic

tradition to invite or allow CIA representatives to exploit this college by using our facilities as recruiting grounds.

"Therefore, we oppose the presence of the CIA at this liberal arts college; we oppose the decision giving them permission to recruit here. Whenever such permission is granted, it should be by the President, acting for the College as a whole."

In addition to this petition, a pamphlet describing the CIA and its working will be distributed by the group before the recruitment.